

Mineral Products Industry Priorities for Government

Delivering for the UK

The mineral products and quarrying industry is an essential, indigenous and major primary material producer that is locked into the DNA of the UK economy. Our members supply one million tonnes of material per day to construction customers and are critical to many other UK industries. Transport, energy, water and housing all rely upon the supply of mineral products of one type or another. In short, we are fundamental to the economy, the development and maintenance of UK infrastructure, the built and natural environment and the improvement of people's everyday lives.

Mineral products will continue to be essential as Brexit unfolds and the UK plots its new course. Our members stand ready to deliver the materials needed for supporting higher levels of economic growth and delivering the transition to a net zero carbon economy by 2050. To maximise competitiveness of our sector and the wider economy, Government should prioritise the best access possible to global markets and skills.

Priorities for Government

Building confidence for business investment

- Making the UK more competitive and attractive to investors by maintaining economic stability and minimising uncertainty
- Building on the UK's underlying assets, open markets and competitive strengths

Boosting growth and productivity by:

- Stimulating economic activity in all parts of the UK, through effective industrial and regional strategies
- Accelerating the delivery of energy and transport infrastructure and housing
- Ensuring education and skills systems provide the workforce with the capabilities required for the modern economy

Strengthening UK supply chains by:

- Making the link between all forms of development and the essential mineral product supply chains they rely on
- Prioritising and supporting the indigenous supply of minerals and mineral products in line with the UK Minerals Strategy
- Ensuring neutrality between construction methods and materials to deliver sustainable and value-for-money projects
- Adopting procurement policies which support the supply of responsibly sourced construction materials

Enhancing industrial competitiveness by:

- Maintaining regulatory and quality equivalence with European standards as well as the UK's position as a world leader in standards development
- Ensuring a level playing field for UK Energy Intensive Industries with proportionate energy and carbon taxes
- Holding imported construction materials to the same environmental standards as domestic production

Making industry taxation fairer and more efficient by:

- Ensuring proportionate and consistent taxation across all industrial sectors, particularly on environmental taxes
- Promoting investment and innovation through effective taxation policies including capital allowances

Improving regulation by:

- Properly resourcing both the county and national-level mineral planning and environmental permitting systems
- Maintaining existing environmental and technical standards, but implementing regulation more effectively
- Recognising and minimising the cumulative impacts of planning and permitting regulation and avoiding regulatory duplication
- Ensuring land use planning safeguards mineral operations and transport facilities

*Mineral Products: essential for schools ... hospitals ... homes ... roads ... railways
... energy supply ... airports ... ports ... food ... water ... agriculture*

Priorities for the Industry

Meeting future demands for mineral products generated by economic growth and development by:

- Investing in our people to improve skills and competence and broadening awareness of employment opportunities in the sector
- Investing in indigenous mineral resources, manufacturing plant and transport operations
- Contributing to the innovative development of mineral products and evolution of product standards and design codes

Improving the sustainability of UK supply by:

- Protecting the health and safety of our workforce and all associated with the industry, including neighbours and local communities
- Providing and enabling solutions for the UK to deliver a net zero carbon economy by 2050
- Continuing to make full use of recycled and secondary materials, supporting the circular economy
- Increasing biodiversity, net gain and nature conservation
- Contributing to improvements in air quality, reducing emissions of air pollutants
- Working with customers and clients to ensure efficient and sustainable use of industry products

The mineral products and quarrying industry contribution to the UK:



390mt

GB production of aggregates and manufactured mineral products



4 times

The volume of energy minerals produced in the UK including oil, gas and coal



£18bn

Annual turnover for the Minerals and Mineral Products industry



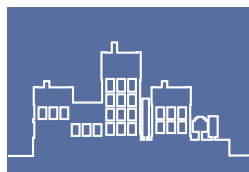
£6.8bn

Gross value added generated by the industry



£513bn

Annual turnover of the industries we supply



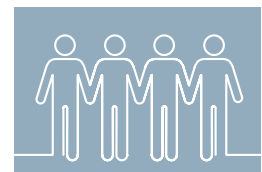
£152bn

Value of construction, output, our main customer



74,000

People employed in the industry



3.5m

Jobs supported through our supply chain

The Mineral Products Association is the trade association for the aggregates, asphalt, cement, concrete, dimension stone, lime, mortar and silica sand industries.

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